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CANCER

March 6—Tumors of the Salivary Gland. Calif. Tumor Tissue Registry at Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim. Sunday. 6 hrs. \$100. Contact: Weldon K. Bullock, MD, Ex. Dir., Calif. Tumor Tissue Registry, 1200 N. State St., Los Angeles 90033. (213) 226-4614.

March 16-19—Modern Concepts in Oncology—5th Annual Seminar. UCLA at Beverly Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills. Wednesday-Saturday.

March 19—Cancer Screening and Cancer Control. UCSF at Childrens Hospital, San Francisco. Saturday.

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March 25—Cancer of the Ovary. California Hospital Medical Center, Los Angeles. Friday. Contact: Kenneth L. Senter, MD, Dir., Med. Ed., CHMC, 1414 S. Hope St., Los Angeles 90015. (213) 748-2411.

May 14-15—Skin Cancer. UCSF. Saturday-Sunday.

May 21-22—Management of Cancer—3rd Annual Workshop. Institute for Cancer and Blood Research and Century City Hospital Radiation Therapy Center at Riviera Country Club, Pacific Palisades. Saturday-Sunday. 16 hrs. Contact: Howard R. Bierman, MD, Sci. Dir., Institute for Cancer and Blood Research, 140 N. Robertson Blvd., Beverly Hills 90211. (213) 655-4706.

MEDICINE

February 16-18—Recent Advances in Gastroenterology. UCSF at Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco. Wednesday-Friday.

February 18-19—Dermatotoxicology. UCSF. Friday-Saturday.

February 19-26—Noah Worchester Dermatologic Society. Canyon Hotel, Palm Springs. One week. Contact: D. W. Whetsell, Lt. Col. USAF, MC, Soc. of Air Force Physicians, P.O. Box 3534, Malcolm Grow USAF Med. Ctr., Andrews AFB, MD 20331.

March 2-4—Acute Respiratory Failure in Black and White—Annual Postgraduate Course. California Thoracic Society at Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco. Wednesday-Friday. 18 hrs. \$150 for members; \$175, nonmembers. Contact: Ms. Elma Plappert, Exec. Sec., CTS, 424 Pendleton Way, Oakland 94621. (415) 638-5864.

March 11-12—Clinical and Technical Application of the Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump. See Surgery, March 11-12.

March 11-13—American College of Physicians—Southern California Regional Meeting. Vacation Village Hotel, San

Diego. Friday-Sunday. Contact: John C. McCall, Jr., MD, 9844-400 Genesee Ave., La Jolla 92037.

March 14-16—Advances in Cardiology. Foundation for Cardiovascular Research and Hospital of the Good Samaritan at Riviera Hotel, Palm Springs. Monday-Wednesday. 17½ hrs. \$200. Contact: Foundation for Cardiovascular Research, 10 Congress St., Suite 203, Pasadena 91105.

March 15-16—American College of Physicians—Hawaii Regional Meeting. Pacific Club, Honolulu. Tuesday-Wednesday. Contact: Bernard W. D. Fong, MD, 97 Dowsett Ave., Honolulu 96817.

March 17-19—Cardiovascular Disease—1977: Practical Diagnosis and Management. American College of Cardiology at Hotel del Coronado, Coronado. Thursday-Saturday. Contact: Mary Anne McInerney, Dir., Dept. of Cont. Ed. Prog., ACC, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Md. 20014.

March 18—Practical Approach to Coagulation. PMC. Friday.

March 21-25—Cardiac Electrophysiology. USC at Erawan Garden Hotel, Palm Springs. Monday-Friday.

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These sutures then can be tightened or loosened to move the eye into optimum postoperative healing position. The second is to lengthen or shorten the sutures attaching the muscle to the eye under mild sedation on the first postoperative day. Up to 10 degrees of recorection have been obtained in this manner. The third approach is to operate under local anesthesia and adjust the muscle position at the time of operation, until alignment of the eyes is correct. This third technique is obviously only for use in cooperative adults.

It must be emphasized that judgment in many ordinary cases is thoroughly sufficient and the additional discomfort and trouble associated with these techniques is not warranted. In difficult and unusual cases, however, they represent a chance to fine-tune the operation and therefore avoid reoperation at a later time.

ALAN B. SCOTT, MD

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Microinvasive Carcinoma of the Uterine Cervix: A Long-term Follow-up of Eighty Cases

Christopherson WM, Gray LA, Parker JE

Cancer

38:629-632, Aug 1976

DISCIPLINES: Pathology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, General Medicine

READABILITY: Very good

A carefully done study of microinvasive carcinoma of the cervix which shows that simple hysterectomy would seem to be the treatment of choice. Although there is controversy as to the depth of invasion acceptable as microinvasion, these authors included cases with up to 5 mm of stromal invasion.

—RICHARD L. KEMPSON, MD
Stanford, CA

The VA Cooperative Randomized Study of Surgery for Coronary Arterial Occlusive Disease—II. Subgroup with Significant Main Lesions

Takaro T, Hultgren HN, Lipton MJ, et al

Circulation

54(Supplement III):107-117, Dec 1976

DISCIPLINES: Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Cardiovascular Surgery

READABILITY: Good

These results are from a randomized prospective study of coronary bypass surgical procedures. A substantial improvement in prognosis was shown in patients with symptomatic main left coronary disease with surgical treatment. This is an important paper, with careful analysis of data.

—J. DAVID BRISTOW, MD
Seattle

Risk for Breast Cancer Development Determined by Mammographic Parenchymal Pattern

Wolfe JN

Cancer

37:2486-2492, May 1976

DISCIPLINES: General Medicine, Surgery, Gynecology, Radiology

READABILITY: Good

Mammographic parenchymal pattern of the breast is placed in four categories that permit prediction of risk of carcinoma. The highest risk category shows 22 times greater incidence of carcinoma. Seventy-six percent of breast cancer would be found by screening 27 percent of the population.

—ROBERT B. ENGLE, MD
Laguna Beach, CA

Mortality in Depressed Patients Treated with Electroconvulsive Therapy and Antidepressants

Avery D, Winokur G

Archives of General Psychiatry

33:1029-1037, Sep 1976

DISCIPLINE: Psychiatry

READABILITY: Very good

Presents results of three-year follow-up study of 519 patients (plus summarizing literature and results in 4,333 other patients, or a total of 4,852 patients). Generally electroshock therapy is found best—that is, associated with least mortality from all causes.

J. M. STUBBLEBINE, MD
Greenbrae, CA

X-ray Pelvimetry of the Pregnant Adolescent

Aiman J

Obstetrics and Gynecology

48:281, Sep 1976

DISCIPLINES: Obstetrics and Gynecology, Family Practice

READABILITY: Good

An excellent evaluation of the bony pelvis that points out the hazards and pitfalls of pregnancy in adolescents.

—RALPH W. HALE, MD
Honolulu

Tumor Immunology

Pattello R

Obstetrics and Gynecology

48:374, Sep 1976

DISCIPLINE: Obstetrics and Gynecology

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A concise summary of the newer concepts of immunology as they relate to tumor biology and immunotherapy.

—RALPH W. HALE, MD
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New Nomenclature for Vulvar Disease

International Society for the Study of Vulvar Disease

Obstetrics and Gynecology

47:122-124, Jan 1976

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Presentation of a sensible and easily understood terminology for vulvar diseases. It is to be hoped that this terminology will be used by all concerned physicians.

—RICHARD L. KEMPSON, MD
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